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TAGS: EAIR, FR, PINS
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TERRORIST INCIDENT AT ORLY, MAY 20.

REF: PARIS 16263; PARIS 16275

1. IN PHONE CONVERSATION MAY 23 BETWEEN GENERAL WALTER (SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR SECURITY TO THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION) AND CIVIL AIR ATTACHE AS WELL AS FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE, WALTER CONFIRMED ACCURACY OF PRESS REPORTING ON LAST SATURDAY'S INCIDENT AT ORLY. HE NOTED THAT NOT ONLY DID THE POLICE PERFORM WELL BUT THE EL AL SECURITY MEN, IN PARTICULAR, WORKED WELL WITH THM. ALTHOUGH PRECAUTIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN TO PREVENT AN INCIDENT OF THIS TYPE, IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT NOT ENOUGH HAD BEEN DONE. FORTUNATELY, THE REACTIONS OF THOSE ON THE SPOT (ONCE THE TERRORISTS HAD APPEARED) WERE QUICK AND EFFICIENT. LUCKILY, THERE WERE ONLY THREE TERRORISTS AND THEY WERE KILLED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. WALTER SPECULATED THOUGH THAT IF THERE WERE FIVE OR SIX, THE SITUATION MIGHT HAVE BEEN
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MUCH DIFFERENT AND A BLOOD BATH TAKEN PLACE.

2. WALTER INDICATED THAT THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAD NO PRESENT INFORMATION ABOUT THE SPECIFIC GROUP CALLED "SONS OF SOUTH LEBANON" WHICH HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INCIDENT. HE CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT THE FRENCH AUTHORITIES WERE ALSO NOT SURE THE NAMES ON

THE PASSPORTS WERE THE REAL NAMES OF THE DEAD TERRORISTS.

3. COMMENT: IT NOW APPEARS FULLY CLEAR THAT THERE
WERE NO AMERICANS INVOLVED IN THE MAY 20 INCIDENT. THE
BIG QUESTIONS REMAINING RELATE TO THE IDENTITY OF THE
TERRORISTS AND THE GROUP CALLING ITSELF "SONS OF
SOUTH LEBANON".
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